



Justus "Mike" Koch

June 8, 1938 - October 31, 2014

Justus Michael "Mike" Koch, 76, of Wharton passed away on October 31, 2014. He was born on June 8, 1938 in Bellefontaine, Ohio to the late Justus M. and Doris Bach Koch. He was a graduate of Texas A&I University in Kingsville with a major in Agriculture. He served as a loan officer for USDA Farmers Home Administration in Edna, Security Bank & Trust in Wharton, USDA Farm Service Agency in Lamesa and Wharton, and at several First State Bank of Louise branches. Lovingly known as "Daddy Mike," he is survived by his wife of 51 years Nora May Koch, 11 children and their families: Laurie Ann Koch; Michael and Heidi Koch (Catherine, Justus (Vickie), Theodore, Elizabeth and Patrick); Corinne and Preston Copeland (Stephen Koch (Krystin), Thomas, Sam (Veronica), Sara Jane (great grandchild) Jeff and Rebecca); Nancy Fenner (Scotty and Jonathan); Jeff and Annette Koch (Emily and Jeffrey); Sophie and Chris Miska (Aubrey, Kenneth, Ashley, Sophie, Brian, and Theresa); Amy and Scott Stewart (Christopher, Matthew, Joseph, Brendan, and Quentin); Brian and Susanne Koch (James); Joel and Lindsey Koch (Clara and August); Sara and JD Garcia (Drew, Alise and Nathan); Stephanie Koch and fiancé Mike Beltran (William and Michael); niece Doris Ann Stevens and nephew Herman Ford, plus numerous other nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, sister Ann Ford and son-in-law Scott Fenner. Visitation will begin on Monday November 3, 2014 at 2 pm at Holy Family Catholic Church in Wharton with a rosary recited at 4 pm, followed by a reception at the Family Life Center. The Funeral

Mass will be Tuesday, November 4, 2014, at 11 am at Our Lady of Consolation Catholic Church in Vattmann, Tx with burial in the Church Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Michael Koch, Jeff Koch, Stephen Koch, Brian Koch, Joel Koch, Dr. Preston Copeland, Scott Stewart, and J.D. Garcia. Memorials donations in memory of Mike Koch may be made to St. Philip Catholic School, El Campo, Tx or Our Lady of Victory Catholic School, Victoria, Tx. The Mike Koch Train Remembrance & Restoration fund will be established at First State Bank of Louise to continue his support and enjoyment of railroad museums and railroading projects locally and across the country.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 3. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Holy Family Catholic Church
2011 Briar Lane
Wharton, TX

Rosary

NOV 3. 4:00 PM (CT)

Holy Family Catholic Church
2011 Briar Lane
Wharton, TX

Reception

NOV 3. 5:00 PM (CT)

Holy Family Catholic Church
2011 Briar Lane
Wharton, TX

Funeral Mass

NOV 4. 11:00 AM (CT)

Our Lady of Consolation
Riviera, TX

Burial

NOV 4 (CT)

Our Lady of Consolation
Riviera, TX

Tribute Wall

JB

“ *Brian and family, we were greatly saddened to hear about your father's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. Justin Bower, Todd Running, and the staff at H-GAC.*

Justin Bower - November 10, 2014 at 03:08 PM

CN

“ *My sincerest condolences to you and your family, Mrs. Koch. You and Mr. Koch are such wonderful people. May God continue to bless you and your family. Chasity L. Norris*

Chasity L. Norris - November 04, 2014 at 08:26 PM

BS

“ *Nora - I am thinking about you and all your Kochlets. I will always remember the great fun we had on that Mexico vacation...I still have the pots I made Jon, Mike and Dwight carry for me. We had a lot of fun together and Mike always put up with the Snelling's shenanigans (you know what I am talking about). Love love love you! Bobbie*

bobbie snelling - November 04, 2014 at 11:16 AM

HF

“ *Dear Nora and Family,
My heart is broken with you. I am with you in prayer for a wonderful, loving man. He was part of all of us from JRD. God wrap you in His loving arms.
Helen Frederick*

Helen Frederick - November 03, 2014 at 10:11 PM

GF

“ Gil and I are so sorry to hear of Mike's passing. He was a true friend..

Gil and Virginia Freitag

Gil and Virginia Freitag - November 03, 2014 at 10:07 PM

SC

“ Dear Koch Family ,
Sherrie and I so sorry for your loss. We will all miss Mr. Mike but we will forget him.

I especially will remember helping him and Brian at Mass when it was their turn to greet or usher other parishioners at St. Joes .

God Bless this Family always and especially now.

Loving,

Stan and Sherrie Chadwell "+" Boling Tx

Stan Chadwell - November 03, 2014 at 08:06 PM

SC

We are so sorry for your loss and will NOT forget him Very sorry for this error, sgc

Stan Chadwell - November 03, 2014 at 11:59 PM

BA

*Dear Koch family,
Please accept my deepest and most sincere condolences on the loss of your loved one. I am so sorry that I could not accompany you all at the funeral celebration, but I just read about this in the newspaper. Nevertheless, my thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Bart Arredondo - November 05, 2014 at 07:06 PM

YB

“ *Nora, we send our deep and abiding love for Mike and for you and your family at this sad time. Our days of growing up together at Riviera are some of our sweetest memories we often recount. Know that you have our deepest sympathy.*

Yvonne (Boggan) and Lee Durbin

yvonne bodin - November 03, 2014 at 05:51 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Justus "Mike" Koch.*



November 03, 2014 at 05:49 PM

GB

“ *Nora
So sorry to hear about Mike. I will always remember him and his love of Colorado and the trains that ran there. He was the one who taught me so much about the history, and today I am teaching my grandchildren. Our deepest sympathy to you and your family*
Gary & Barbara Boening

Gary Boening - November 03, 2014 at 04:51 PM

CC

“ *Deepest condolences. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of the Koch Family.*

Carl & Judy Cox - November 03, 2014 at 01:57 PM

JR

“ *Nora, I did not realize that the Koch that Lindsey Polly was married to was your son, Michael. My name is now Joyce Roach but you may remember me as Joyce Gabrysch. My sympathies go out to everyone one of you as you remember and celebrate the life of a VERY fine man. You and your family were undoubtedly some of the finest neighbors anyone could ask for. My boys always enjoyed playing with your children. You and Mike were a fine example to everyone of what a REAL family should be. God bless all of you as you go through this sad time!*

Joyce Roach - November 03, 2014 at 09:15 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Justus "Mike" Koch.*



November 03, 2014 at 07:42 AM

KK

“ *i am a co-worker of Nancy's, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May the Lord bless this whole beautiful family in the time of sorrow.*

kathy koudela - November 03, 2014 at 07:41 AM

GR

“ *praying for all his beautiful family,my deepest condolences i was honored to have met this true gentleman may he rest in peace*

gaby robles - November 02, 2014 at 09:39 PM

WM

“ I have known Mike and Nora so long that my memories will always be of good times. In my mind I can always see Mike, Pat and I walking abandoned railroad lines in Colorado. These memories will always be vivid. God bless all.

Wes Moreland

Wes Moreland - November 02, 2014 at 06:36 PM

WM

“ Wes and Mary Helen Moreland purchased the Basket of Joy for the family of Justus "Mike" Koch.



Wes and Mary Helen Moreland - November 02, 2014 at 06:22 PM



“ Sacred Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Justus "Mike" Koch.



November 02, 2014 at 01:13 PM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Justus "Mike" Koch.



November 02, 2014 at 10:07 AM



“ *Heartwarming Thoughts Boston Fern was purchased for the family of Justus "Mike" Koch.*



November 02, 2014 at 09:35 AM



“ *Sending prayers to Mike's family at this time of sorrow. Mike was my boss when we worked at Security Bank & Trust. He was such a nice guy. Heaven just got another angel. He will be missed but not forgotten.*

Caleen Moffett - November 02, 2014 at 08:18 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Justus "Mike" Koch.*



November 02, 2014 at 01:35 AM